

Credentialing of Mariners: A Continuing Examination. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security: RADM Kevin Cook, Director, Prevention Policy; and CAPT David C. Stalfort, Commanding Officer, National Maritime Center.

DISTRESSED COMMUNITIES TAX INCENTIVES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures held a hearing on tax incentives for distressed communities. Testimony was heard from Nelson Bregon, General Deputy Assistant Secretary, Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—PERU UPDATE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations met in executive session to receive a briefing on Peru Update. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2892, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the future of the mortgage market and the housing enterprises, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider any pending nominations; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nominations of Marcia K. McNutt, of California, to be Director of the United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, and Arun Majumdar, of California, to be Director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy, Department of Energy, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine S. 522, to resolve the claims of the Bering Straits Native Corporation and the State of Alaska to land adjacent to Salmon Lake in the State of Alaska and to provide for the conveyance to the Bering Straits Native Corporation of certain other public land in partial satisfaction of the land entitlement of the Corporation under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, S. 865

and H.R. 1442, bills to provide for the sale of the Federal Government's reversionary interest in approximately 60 acres of land in Salt Lake City, Utah, originally conveyed to the Mount Olivet Cemetery Association under the Act of January 23, 1909, S. 881, to provide for the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, S. 940, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the Nevada System of Higher Education certain Federal land located in Clark and Nye counties, Nevada, S. 1272, to provide for the designation of the Devil's Staircase Wilderness Area in the State of Oregon, to designate segments of Wasson and Franklin Creeks in the State of Oregon as wild or recreation rivers, and S. 1689, to designate certain land as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System and the National Landscape Conservation System in the State of New Mexico, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of William E. Kennard, of the District of Columbia, to be Representative to the European Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador, Cynthia Stroum, of Washington, to be Ambassador to Luxembourg, John F. Tefft, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to Ukraine, and Michael C. Polt, of Tennessee, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Estonia, all of the Department of State, and James Legarde Hudson, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 448 and H.R. 985, bills to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media, S. 1692, to extend the sunset of certain provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act and the authority to issue national security letters, S. 369, to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market, S. 379, to provide fair compensation to artists for use of their sound recordings, and the nominations of Jacqueline H. Nguyen and Dolly M. Gee, both to be a United States District Judge for the Central District of California, and Edward Milton Chen and Richard Seeborg, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, and Brendan V. Johnson, to be United States Attorney for the District of South Dakota, Karen Louise Loeffler, to be United States Attorney for the District of Alaska, and Steven Gerard O'Donnell, to be United States Marshal for the District of Rhode Island, all of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees and Border Security, to hold hearings to examine comprehensive immigration reform, focusing on faith-based perspectives, 3 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the Department of Defense and Veterans' Affairs response to certain military exposures, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.